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## *A Vietnam Casualty*

Four years after he was fired for anti-war activities at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Prof. Douglas M. Allen has been vindicated, at least partially. The SIU board has announced a tentative out-of-court settlement with Mr. Allen who will receive \$35,000 and will be reinstated as a faculty member with tenure on condition that he resign immediately.

Mr. Allen, now a professor at the University of Maine, was not fired from the philosophy department because of his classroom performance, but because of his criticism, as a private citizen, of the Vietnam War in general and of the Vietnamese Studies Center, in particular. The center was financed by the Agency for International Development at a time when there were strong suspicions of ties between AID and the Central Intelligence Agency.

Three years after his firing, the Illinois Senate Executive Committee rejected Gov. Dan Walker's nominee, Willis Moore, for membership on the SIU board. Mr. Moore, a retired faculty member and former chairman of the philosophy department, was rejected because he had defended Mr. Allen. "There were some who failed to distinguish between my support of Allen's constitutional rights to speak and his ideas, which he knew I didn't fully support," Mr. Moore said later.

Thus, the casualties of the Vietnam War are not measured only by body counts. They are also measured by the denial of fundamental rights, by the forced interruption of careers for political reasons and by the compromised reputation of universities.